

readily distinguished by its narrow interorbital space and wholly white under surface.

For members of the genus *Meriones* the name Jird, first introduced by Shaw in 1738, and spasmodically used by various authors ever since, may well be adopted as a standard vernacular term, the word Gerbil being restricted to *Gerbillus* and its nearer allies.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE.

The Coccidæ of Ceylon.—Part V. By E. E. GREEN.
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THE last part of Green's monumental work on the Coccidæ of Ceylon has appeared. Like the preceding parts, the work is profusely illustrated, the plates being done from drawings by the author himself; each species is very carefully delineated, and many of the figures coloured. Though the price is high (£3), considering the class of work and the cost of production it is not excessive. By the conclusion of the work the author has contributed in no small way in placing the study of the Coccidæ upon a footing, from a systematic point of view, such as few families of insects have reached. The work is not only a description of the adult insect itself; in nearly all cases the early stages are described, and very valuable field-notes, made by the author while in Ceylon, are included. In the present part the Eriococcinæ, Dactylopiinæ, Tachardiinæ, Ortheziinæ, Margarodinæ, and Monophlebinae are dealt with. Six new genera, twenty-seven new species, and several new varieties are described. The author's conception of the limits of the genus *Monophlebus*—and he is probably right—is wider than that of some other authors, the genera *Drosicha*, *Llaveia*, *Tessarabolus*, *Ortonia*, *Guerinia*, and *Monophlebulus* being sunk as synonyms. Two appendices are added, the first correcting, emending, or adding to the previous parts, and the second giving a very useful list of those species of Coccidæ which have been described as new or recorded from Ceylon since the various parts were first published.

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The PRESIDENT then proceeded to deliver a lecture (illustrated